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This information disclosure statement is filed either (1) within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under §1.53(d); (2) within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 in an international application; (3) before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits, or (4) before the mailing of a first office action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, whichever event occurs last.

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Accordingly, this information disclosure statement requires either the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (c) (\$180); or a certification according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (e).

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- () Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information statement; or
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